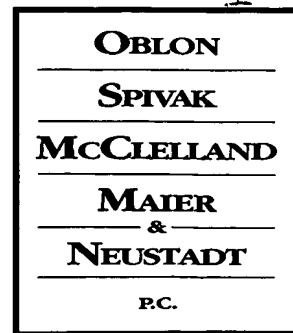




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Applicants: Seikai YO, et al.

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For: HIGH-SPEED DRIVING METHOD AND SYSTEM
OF PRESSURE CYLINDER

Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: HONG, J. C.

SIR:

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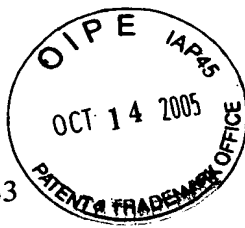
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In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, the invention of group I, including Claims 1-5, drawn to a high speed driving method, is elected with traverse.

Specifically, the restriction requirement is traversed for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

...If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

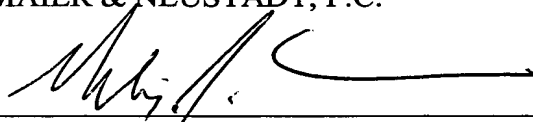
Each of the pending claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding requirement is traversed on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-8 be conducted.

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